

ALLIES WANT
FIRST GRAB

Will Not Acquire to Propo-
sition of Minister
Bow

To Put All Creditors on
Equality with the
Allies.

MEANS CONTINUANCE OF BLOCKADE

Action Taken in Spite of Ad-
vice to Contrary Forwarded
by the Ambassadors
in America.

Scraps-McRae Telegram.

London, Jan. 29.—Reuters News Agency says that Great Britain, Germany and Italy have sent a joint note to Minister Bowen at Washington in regard to his proposal that all countries having claims against Venezuela be placed on an equality with the three co-operating powers. In their reply the powers state that the proposal cannot be accepted.

This action was taken in spite of advice to the contrary forwarded by the Italian and British ambassadors and the German charge d'affairs.

In this cablegram, which was received yesterday, it was suggested that the consideration of the details of the proposition be postponed until after the signing of the preliminary protocol.

The refusal to accept the proposal means that the blockade will be maintained.

BELGIUM TO BE AGENT.

Paris, Jan. 29.—It has been learned that the Belgian charge d'affairs at Caracas, M. Van Der Heyde, has informed his diplomatic and official colleagues that Belgium will undertake the administration of the Venezuelan customs in behalf of the allies and other foreign claimants, thus relieving the United States and other parties interested from the responsibilities of administering the settlement. Belgian agents will be appointed to receive the customs and distribute the respective portions to the different claimants.

The attitude of the government of France relative to the claims against Venezuela is that the French claims are in the nature of a first lien on the customs receipts, and that under no circumstances are they to be subordinated to other claims.

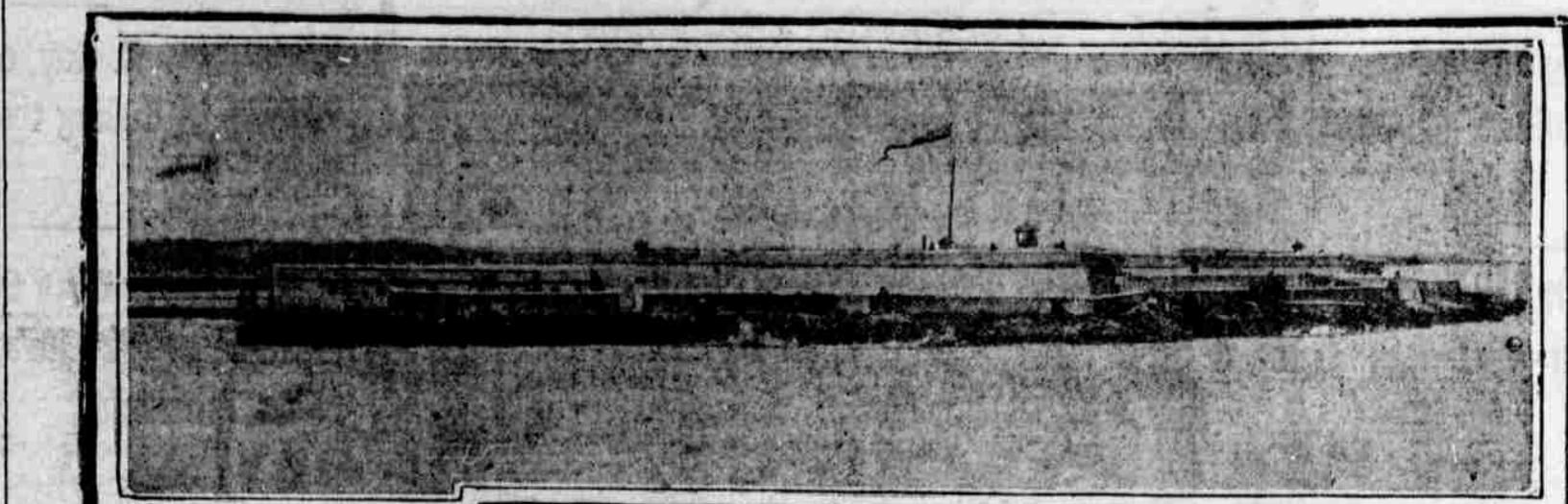
AMERICANS PRESS CLAIMS.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The Americans who have claims against Venezuela have become active. Former Senator Frank Hancock, representing the Warner-Quinlan asphalt syndicate, called upon Minister Bowen and Senator Pulido, the Venezuelan charge d'affairs, was called into consultation on the matter presented by the New Yorker. The American claims, it is believed, will be given as great consideration by Venezuela as those of France and other powers, who have refused to take part in the coercive measures. In fact, it would not be at all surprising if Castro were to exhibit enough gratitude for what the United States has done for him to make the American claims his first consideration outside of the money he has pledged to the allies.

COLD WAVE
ON THE WAY

Weather Bureau Pre-
dicts Big Drop in
Temperature.

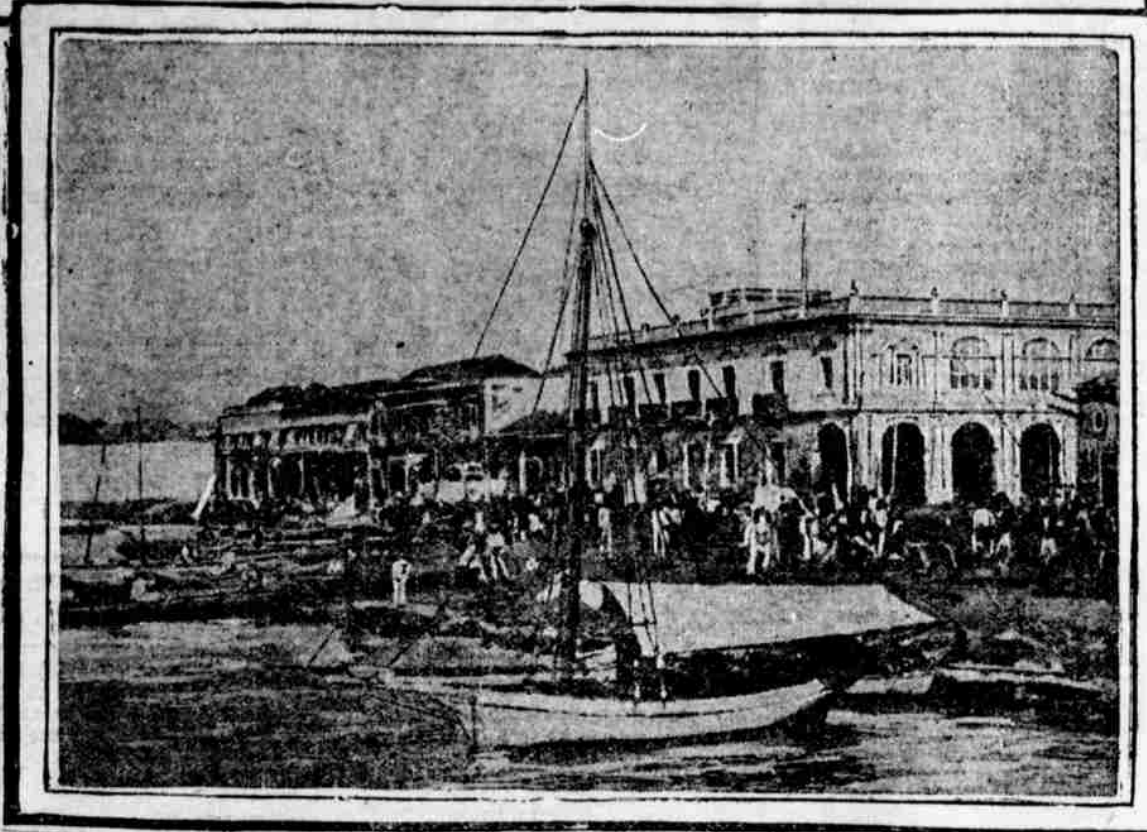
The weather department has sent out a warning that the present mild weather is at an end and that Friday a cold wave will sweep over Ohio. For the past two days the weather has been unusually warm for the time of the year.



Sentiment in congress is still very bitter against Germany because of the latter's unprovoked attack upon the Fort of San Carlos and the wanton shelling of the village. Although the administration decided not to interfere in behalf of Venezuela, knowing that such intervention would mean war, the temper of our national legislators is strained to its furthest point and a continuance of the kaiser's aggressive course will mean positive action on our part.

In the meantime the indignation against Germany in Washington is contrasted with the admiration that prevails for the plucky defense made by the Venezuelan garrison under General Bello.

The accompanying pictures show Fort San Carlos and the village of the same name, which was shelled by the German fleet.

TERRIBLE RESULTS
OF AN EXPLOSION

Three Workmen Killed, Six
Hurt and Two Big Build-
ings are Totally
Wrecked.

Scraps-McRae Telegram.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 29.—This morning at 7 o'clock a large ammonia tank in the Eckart Packing factory exploded with terrific force. The entire ice plant was wrecked and the cold storage building is a mass of wreckage.

Henry Piepenbrink, James Voltz and Oliver Matthews, workmen, were buried beneath the debris, and are dead. Six others were injured. The bodies of Piepenbrink and Matthews have been recovered.

EIGHT MET DEATH

Trains Running at Full Speed
Crashed on the Southern
Pacific.

Tucson, A. T., Jan. 29.—A disastrous collision occurred on the Southern Pacific railroad Wednesday morning between two passenger trains. The wreck occurred near Valleburg, A. T., seventeen miles east of this city.

Both trains, at full speed, came together with a terrific crash. The engines and cars were piled in a mass and immediately took fire from the exploding oil tanks of the engines. The flames were communicated to the cars, eleven of which were consumed.

The first news of the wreck reached here when a tourist car, which had been broken away from the eastbound train, ran down grade to Tucson, where it was stopped.

Among the injured are S. F. Glendon, Cambridge, Mass., and Dr. Meyers, Springfield, O. So far as ascertained eight persons were killed. Both engineers, Bruce and Wilkey, and Fireman McGrath were buried to death in the wrecks of their engines.

HANNA IS ILL

His Physician Told Him He
Had Been Working
Too Hard.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Senator Hanna was ordered to bed by his physician, who told him he should remain there for a day or two to obtain a much needed rest.

The senator began the day at the capitol as usual. Not feeling well, he returned to the Arlington hotel and called his physician, who told him that his complaint was fatigue and exhaustion caused by overwork and late hours, and who ordered the prescription mentioned.

BLOODY TRAGEDY
CHARGED AGAINST
MUTINIED SAILORS

Murder of Captain and
Six of His Crew Laid
at Their Doors.

NEGRO COOK CARRIES THE TALE.

Scraps-McRae Telegram.

Liverpool, Jan. 29.—Four sailors, who arrived in Liverpool today have been arrested, charged with perpetrating a horrible sea tragedy. It is stated that they were sailors aboard the barque Veronica of St. Johns, N. B., which left Biloxi, Miss. in the latter part of 1902 for Montevideo. The prisoners, it is charged, mutinied, murdered the captain and six of the crew, set fire to the barque and then escaped in a small boat, taking the negro cook with them. The cook's life was spared on condition that he act as servant.

The cook informed the police of the tragedy. The sailors deny the charge and say the ship was wrecked.

GAVE INSTRUCTIONS

As to Manner in Which She
Wanted to be Buried, Then
Suddenly Expired.

Toledo, O., Jan. 29. — Wednesday Mrs. Elizabeth Foltz dropped dead at Columbus Grove under peculiar circumstances. She had just completed telling her family how she wished to be buried and what sort of a funeral she desired. At the same time she remarked that she felt better than she had for a long time.

While sipping her coffee at breakfast, following this conversation, she reeled, fell forward upon the floor and was dead when picked up. Heart failure was the cause of her death. She was a native of Belfast, Ireland.

TIME TO REFLECT

Gorby Fritz Will Have Plenty.

Gorby Fritz, arrested several days ago on the charge of stealing an overcoat valued at \$30 and two suits of clothing, was fined \$10 and sentenced to 30 days in the workhouse by Mayor Robertson Wednesday afternoon.

POISON PLACED
IN COFFEE SERVED
WEAKLY WOMEN

An Effort to Commit
Wholesale Murder Par-
tially Successful

TWO OF THE VICTIMS WILL DIE.

Scraps-McRae Telegram.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 29.—As a result of drinking coffee containing a poisonous drug, administered by some one whose object was apparently wholesale murder, Mrs. Nancy Birch, Mrs. Laura Freeman, her daughter, Mrs. Birch Cooper, her granddaughter, and two guests, Mrs. Emma Wade and Mrs. Frank Cannon, of Owensboro, and Rachael Davis, a colored servant, are all at the residence of Mrs. Birch in Birchwood suburb.

Mrs. Birch and Mrs. Freeman are not expected to live, but it is thought the rest will survive. The poison was placed in coffee served at the Birch home.

Mrs. Birch is a widow worth \$300,000.

ANTONIO IN ROLE
OF FOXY QUILLER

Italian Used Legal Tactics to
Side-Step Marriage Law
and Win His Wife.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Antonio Ardoni is 23. Allegretto Antonietta is 17. The marriageable age in this state is 18. So, when the happy pair of smiling Italians entered the office of Marriage License Clerk Salmonson Wednesday, he refused to issue a certificate, muttering something about a guardian. Ardoni took the hint. He went to Judge Cutting, in the probate court, and Antonietta asked that he be made her guardian. As she was over 14, the papers were made out and the laughing pair pranced back to the license office, secured the necessary document and left in a hurry for a Catholic church.

HOSPITAL ASS'N.

Incorporated by Massillon Men.
(Staff Special.)

Columbus, Jan. 29.—The Massillon City Hospital association, of Massillon was incorporated by Anthony Howells, John E. Jones, W. F. Ricks, James H. Hard, F. H. Snyder and Bernard Dell.

HIS ERROR COST
HIS OWN LIFE

Engineer Who Caused the New
Jersey Wreck Succumbed to
the Injuries He Received,
This Morning.

Scraps-McRae Telegram.
Plainfield, N. J., Jan. 29.—James H. Davis, engineer of the Philadelphia & Reading flyer which crashed into the Easton express near Westfield Tuesday night, killing twenty people and injuring forty others, died at Muhlenberg hospital at 7 o'clock this morning. Davis was frightfully injured in the wreck and has surprised doctors by surviving as long as he did. He is generally held responsible for the horror, as he disregarded danger signals in the belief that they would turn white at the last instant and permit him to run through.

A FOG CAUSED
WRECK NEAR AKRON

C. L. & W. Passenger Train
Ran Into a Freight Train
men Injured.

Akron, Jan. 29.—A heavy fog caused a bad wreck at Barborton late yesterday afternoon. The C. L. & W. passenger train, which is due here from Cleveland at 2:10, crashed into the rear of a B. & O. freight standing on the main track. The passenger train was going forty miles an hour and the caboose and three cars on the freight were telescoped.

Engineer E. A. Sanborn, of Cleveland, and Fireman William O'Grady of Lorain, of the passenger, were injured. O'Grady jumped and was picked up unconscious. He was taken to the hospital. His injuries are not considered dangerous. Engineer Sanborn pluckily stayed at his post. He was picked out of the wreckage and was taken to his home in Cleveland. Owing to the fog, the engineer on the passenger did not see the freight flagman.

When Engineer Sanborn saw that a collision was inevitable he reversed his engine and applied the emergency air brakes, which stopped the passenger cars and saved the passengers from serious injury. Several passengers sustained severe bruises.

MRS. CAROLINE SMITH.

Mrs. Caroline Smith died at her home in Howenstone Tuesday morning at the ripe old age of 81 years. Two daughters, Mrs. Hannah Barnes and Mrs. Ellen Montague, and one son, Samuel Smith, survive. Fifteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren trace their origin to Mrs. Caroline Smith. Funeral from Welshmer church Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

A BEAUTIFUL
TESTIMONIAL

To the Life and Works of
the Late President,
McKinley.

Presented to His Widow
by the Sons of Amer-
ican Revolution.

COMMITTEE COMES TO CANTON.

Calls at North Market Street
Home—Greetings of the So-
ciety Extended—Visit
to the Tomb.

A beautiful memorial of the life and deeds of William McKinley was presented to Mrs. McKinley at her home Thursday afternoon by a committee from the Sons of the American Revolution. The committee arrived from Cleveland Thursday afternoon and was met at the depot by Judge William R. Day and Frederick Hartzell, of the McKinley Memorial association. From the depot the visitors were driven to the McKinley residence on North Market street and there received by Mrs. McKinley.

James M. Richardson, of Cleveland, presented the memorial to Mrs. McKinley. President General Warfield then made a short address in which he conveyed the greetings of the society to the widow of the late president.

From the McKinley home the party was taken to Westlawn cemetery where, at the request of Mrs. McKinley, the doors of the vault were opened to them.

In the party were many national officers of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The memorial is a splendid piece of the engravers' art. It was done by Tiffany in the colors buff, blue and white. On the outer cover is the badge of the order, a St. Louis cross which contains a bust of Washington. In the outer corners of the cover are Ohio buckeyes and chestnuts. On the title page are heads of Washington and McKinley, standing out in relief. Above is the motto of the society, "Libertas at Patria." There is a palm branch and the laurel leaf upon the page which bears the inscription, "A tribute of love and respect to the memory of their compatriot, William McKinley, from the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution."

On the following pages of the memorial is depicted a pictorial and written history of the life of the late president. The signatures of the memorial committee of the society fill the last two pages.

The text of the memorial is as follows:

"Compatriot William McKinley, the twenty-fifth president of the United States, came of patriot ancestry. By virtue of lineal descent from David McKinley, a soldier of the Revolution from Pennsylvania, he was eligible to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, and joined the Ohio society in 1895.

"His early life gave promise to his later career. A soldier in the Union army at eighteen, his conscientious devotion to duty, so conspicuous in after years, won for him deserved promotion. Adorning his chosen profession of the law with the graces of oratory, and an innate courtesy and dignity of bearing rare among men; his keen analysis of questions at issue, and his aptitude in seizing salient points involved, early placed him in the front rank of the bar, and foreshadowed his greater usefulness in a larger sphere.

"Very early in his congressional career he focused the attention of his associates, and the evidence of profound thought, convincing argument and wide knowledge of public affairs, which marked his utterances, distinguished him as one of the greatest statesmen of his time.

"Earnest in purpose, firm and decided in opinion, yet never failing in that gracious kindness of manner, which, while disarming criticism, attracted alike his political friends and foes, he persuaded and convinced, but never wounded or offended those from whom he differed. His fervid patriotism, high ideals, clearness of vision, serenity of mind, and supreme faith in

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